

# THINKING ABOUT GRAD SCHOOL

Steps for considering and applying to graduate school programs

## EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS

Should I go to Grad School? Do your research to see how a grad degree supports your career goal:

- Research occupations and education requirements using [O\\*NET](#) and [OOH](#)
- Take values, interests and skills inventories using [FOCUS 2](#) and [Sigi3](#)
- Complete the Grad School Ready module within the [ProfessioNole Ready Badge](#)

## REVIEW THE GOING TO GRADUATE SCHOOL CAREER GUIDE

Learn more about reasons to go to graduate school as well as the application process and funding by reviewing this [Career Guide](#):

- Explore types of degrees available
- Locate information on financing your graduate degree
- Find helpful resources to assist you with your applications

## RESEARCH GRAD PROGRAMS

Where should I apply? Keep your research organized as you evaluate how graduate programs fit your personal criteria:

- Use school websites and resources from the [Considering Graduate School](#) webpage to research degree programs
- Determine the criteria most important to your search such as cost, degree type, location etc.
- Organize your research using our Program Evaluation Worksheet

## TAKE PRACTICE TESTS

Utilize the [Testing Education Resource Center \(TERC\) database](#) provided by the library to prepare for standardized tests:

- Prepare for tests such as GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT etc.
- Take two free full-length digital practice tests
- Use these results to inform your studying and preparation techniques

## FIND FUNDING SOURCES

How will I pay for grad school? Start early to determine types of funding you qualify for and your anticipated costs of attending grad school:

- Contact the Financial Aid Offices for schools you are planning on applying to
- Research Fellowship opportunities through [FSU's Office of National Fellowships](#) (put graduate school under purpose)
- Determine if the out-of-state programs you are considering align with [SREB: Academic Common Market](#)

## ATTEND GRAD SCHOOL BOOT CAMP

Need help figuring out if and how to go to grad school? Attend this one-day event filled with workshops to get you ready for the process:

- Takes place every October
- Hear from experts on topics from applying to and funding graduate school
- Identify resources for building strong applications

## BUILD YOUR APPLICATION

Prepare a strong application that has been tailored to each school and reviewed by experts:

- Utilize [Career Guides](#) to craft your application documents
- Visit [Drop-In Advising](#) or meet with your [Career Liaison](#) to have your materials reviewed
- Attend workshops and campus [events](#) on preparing for grad school

## MORE ACTION STEPS

- Meet with a [Career Liaison](#) or Career Advisor
- Visit [Consider Graduate School Webpage](#)
- Search our online catalog, Career Key, for keywords: grad school, personal statement, exams

